

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A paint applicator, comprising:
  - a container having an opening; and,
  - 5 a housing assembly removably attached to the container, the housing assembly comprising a paint application element and a push-pull valve, the paint application element being adjacent to the valve, and the push-pull valve being in fluid communication with a contents of the container.
- 10 2. The paint applicator according to claim 1, wherein the housing assembly comprises a cap adapted to substantially seal the opening of the container, and a cover adapted to engage the cap.
- 15 3. The paint applicator according to claim 2, further comprising a living hinge connecting the cover to the cap.
4. The paint applicator according to claim 2, wherein the rim comprises a bead and the cap includes an annular channel for receiving the rim, the annular channel including a plurality of ribs adapted to interact with the bead to 20 substantially seal the cap to the container.
5. The paint applicator according to claim 2, wherein the cap includes a recess and the cover includes a projection adapted to interact with the recess to provide a snap-fit engagement between the cap and the cover.
- 25 6. The paint applicator according to claim 2, wherein the cover includes a recess and the cap includes a projection adapted to interact with the recess to provide a snap-fit engagement between the cap and the cover.

7. The paint applicator according to claim 2, wherein the cap is adapted to engage the paint application element.

5 8. The paint applicator according to claim 7, wherein the cover is adapted to engage the paint application element.

9. The paint applicator according to claim 1, wherein the paint application element is a paint pad.

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10. The paint applicator according to claim 1, wherein the paint application element is a paint roller cover.

11. The paint applicator according to claim 10, wherein the push-  
15 pull valve comprises a face having a contour that is complementary to an outer diameter of the paint roller cover.

12. The paint applicator according to claim 11, wherein the face is in contact with an outer diameter of the paint roller cover.

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13. The paint applicator according to claim 1, wherein an aperture of the push-pull valve is positioned above a centerline of the paint application element.

25 14. A paint applicator, comprising:  
a container having an opening; and,

a housing assembly removably attached to the container, the housing assembly comprising a paint roller cover and a valve, the paint roller cover being adjacent to the valve, the valve being in fluid communication with a contents of the container, and the valve comprising a face having a contour that is complementary to  
5 an outer diameter of the paint roller cover.

15. The paint applicator according to claim 14, wherein the housing assembly comprises a cap adapted to substantially seal the opening of the container, and a cover adapted to engage the cap.

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16. The paint applicator according to claim 15, further comprising a living hinge connecting the cover to the cap.

17. The paint applicator according to claim 15, wherein the rim  
15 comprises a bead and the cap includes an annular channel for receiving the rim, the annular channel including a plurality of ribs adapted to interact with the bead to substantially seal the cap to the container.

18. The paint applicator according to claim 15, wherein the cap  
20 includes a recess and the cover includes a projection adapted to interact with the recess to provide a snap-fit engagement between the cap and the cover.

19. The paint applicator according to claim 15, wherein the cover  
25 includes a recess and the cap includes a projection adapted to interact with the recess to provide a snap-fit engagement between the cap and the cover.

20. The paint applicator according to claim 15, wherein the cap is adapted to engage the paint roller cover.

21. The paint applicator according to claim 20, wherein the cover is adapted to engage the paint roller cover.

5 22. The paint applicator according to claim 14, wherein the valve is in contact with an outer diameter of the paint roller cover.

23. The paint applicator according to claim 14, wherein the valve is a push-pull valve.

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24. The paint applicator according to claim 14, wherein an aperture of the valve is positioned above a center line of the paint roller cover.

15 25. A method of applying paint to a surface, comprising:  
engaging a surface with a paint applicator comprising a container having an opening, and a housing assembly removably attached to the container, the housing assembly comprising a paint roller cover and a valve, the paint roller cover being adjacent to the valve, the valve being in fluid communication with a contents of the container, and the valve comprising a face having a contour that is complementary to an outer diameter of the paint roller cover; and,

20 traversing the surface with the paint roller cover.

26. The method according to claim 25, further comprising opening the valve.

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27. The method according to claim 25, further comprising positioning the valve in contact with an outer diameter of the paint roller cover.

28. The paint applicator according to claim 25, further comprising  
closing the valve to store the contents.